

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL (WELS), GREEN BAY

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Love One Another

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

—1 John 4:10-11

This world needs more love. We all need to be more loving. There's an old saying: absence makes the heart grow fonder. Is that really true? Does love for others grow when you're in quarantine? Does it fade when you come back to your loved ones again? Love is a tricky thing, isn't it? How do we show love to people? How do we even know what love is? Our passage for today tells us that we know what love is by looking at God's love for us.

Think of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He had to go to his cross. He had to suffer a horrible death. He had to be crucified to carry the weight of all the world's sins. That's love. Love is gladly surrendering everything you have to the will of your heavenly Father for the sake of other people.

So do that.

Really?! You and I may struggle at times even to have feelings of love for people that we're supposed to love. Gladly surrendering everything we have to the Father's will for other people?! On our

own, we can't do it.

- Pastor Jon Zabell

So what should we do about this? How can we make this better? Absence makes the heart grow fonder. We could try to make ourselves absent from God and absent from other people. No, don't do that! There's only one way that love - real love - grows in our hearts. God has to give it to us.

You know how he gives it. He gives it to us through his Word.

You and I have failed to show love to each other and to God we have pushed him and others away in our mad dash to sacrifice everything for ourselves. Listen. God loves you. God — who knows everything that you have ever done to serve yourself instead of others — loves you. God's Son died for you. God's Holy Spirit brought you to faith. Here is everything you need to show love to others: God loves you.



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Letters to the Congregation

Dear Members of St. Paul,

After receiving my call to become the 3rd grade teacher, I spoke with many staff members of St. Paul's Lutheran School. I also had the opportunity to visit and see the school. While visiting and talking with staff, I see the dedication and commitment to the students and school. Everyone speaks very highly of the school and were very willing to answer any questions I had as well as provide support with helping me in my decision. After prayerful consideration and speaking with my family, I have decided to decline the call at this time. Thank you so much for the opportunity. I am looking forward to seeing the new addition to the school and church. I thank you for all the thoughts and prayers.

God Bless, Mrs. Nicole Aderholdt

April 2, 2022

Dear Members of St. Paul,

It has been a privilege to consider the Call extended to me to serve as your school's principal along with my current call to serve in North Fond du Lac. I am writing to announce that the Holy Spirit has led me to return the call to Green Bay and I will continue serving at my current school.

God has blessed this process and I am extremely grateful for the conversations and emails I received as I weighed serving God's kingdom at each of these ministries. It is abundantly clear that throughout His kingdom, the need for workers is urgent, and I join in your prayers that our gracious God continues to bless the ministry of St. Paul and your calling process going forward.

In Christ, Aaron Hartwig

Dear Members of St. Paul,

After prayerful consideration of the call you extended to me to serve at your school, I am writing to you to let you know I am returning the call. This wasn't an easy decision, but the Lord has led me to remain here in Bay City. You have many things to offer and plenty of opportunities at St. Paul. I know God, in his infinite wisdom, will send you the right person for this position. I appreciated the communication from Pastor and Julie Zabell, Mr. Zwieg, and others. Thank you all for your time, information, and prayers. I will continue to pray that God sends you a willing worker to serve His people in Green Bay.

In His service, Steven R. Towne April 29, 2022

Dear fellow members of St. Paul,

Since receiving the call to serve as principal I have had the opportunity to speak with many members of the congregation about the gifts that are needed to support the mission of St. Paul Lutheran School. I had no idea that I would be so blessed as I have prayerfully deliberated this call. Every conversation with my fellow members was a blessing and reinforced the love we have for each other and our strong desire to share God's plan for salvation with all people. Meeting with the faculty and seeing the depth of their devotion to the young souls in our school in action was an uplifting experience.

Throughout my deliberation, I found comfort and peace in knowing that His divine plan for me meant that He would bless in His own way whatever decision I made.

After prayerful deliberation I believe that the Holy Spirit has led me to accept your call to serve as principal at St. Paul Lutheran School.

I want to thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility and look forward to working with the staff, students, families and members at St. Paul as we continue to share God's plan for salvation with all of his children. Please keep me in your prayers as I make this transition and seek to serve Our Risen Savior in this way.

In Christ, Stephen Miller

April 12, 2022

To St. Paul Lutheran Church and School,

With a heavy heart, I am giving my two-week resignation of my position at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

One of the main reasons for my resignation is benefits. When I started, this was not an issue but since then, my husband's company has gone through many changes. Mike and I have concerns about the stability of his company so we feel the need to make sure that we have medical benefits in place, which is something that I can not be offered while working at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

My experience at St. Paul has been positive in so many areas. The teaching staff and students have been awesome to work with and be with everyday.

I want to thank Nate Plitzuweit for giving me this opportunity to serve the staff and members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and School.

My last day at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School will be Tuesday, April 26th, 2022.

Sincerely, Rebecca R Conard

Confirmation 2022



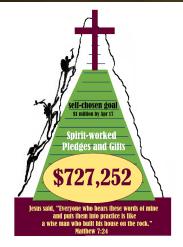
On Confirmation Day, May 1, ten young Christians stand up and publicly confess their faith. This public confession demonstrates that they are in fellowship with the church. They are ready to receive Holy Communion with their fellow believers, believers like you, who have also publicly confessed their faith in the same unchanging Word of God.

2022 Confirmation Class of St. Paul Lutheran

Davis Anderson	Grant Nast		
Owen Bawyn	Ethan Pelch		
Melenin Bustos Hernandez	Sydney Plitzuweit		
Collin Georgia	Richard Smithson III		
Erin Mittag	William Techlin		

Please keep the confirmands in your prayers.





Built on the Rock Update:

What joy! Christ is risen! Sin is conquered, and death's days are numbered! What joy to see his victory played out in the lives of his faithful people!

You don't have to look far to see evidence of this congregation's joy. We set a goal for ourselves six months ago: \$1 million in pledges and gifts by Easter. We didn't quite attain that self-prescribed goal, but look at the Spiritworked fruits of faith the Lord worked in us! As of April 25th, 2022 we've received \$727,252 in pledges and gifts! Nobody was required to give anything. Each gift, each pledge, was given in Christian freedom and love. Each pledge, each gift reveals what the cross and empty tomb means to us, and it's clear that we want others to know, too: the message of our Savior is the eternal rock of salvation. Built on him, we will stand forever.

Take note: our special congregational meeting date has changed to Thursday, May 12th, 6:30 pm. By then we hope to have most of our building contractors' bids in hand. We will gather in the church fellowship hall to give thanks for God's blessings, to consider the mission and ministry of our congregation, and to arrive at a final decision on the project scope and timetable.

School News

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter with all of our school children singing praise to their risen Savior! His resurrection assures us that death has no power over us, that our sins are forgiven. This is the good news we proclaim at St. Paul Lutheran School every Day. Jesus is the Way!

A special mission offering in late March was gathered to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Our families gave nearly \$500! The offering was sent to our WELS office. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our prayers.

Spring Break was March 14-18, and the students came back ready to work hard through the last quarter of the school year.

Wisconsin Forward Testing started shortly after Spring Break. Testing was done with students in grades 3-8.

We've got bugs. Several classrooms are doing life cycle studies in Science, observing mealworms become darkwing beetles, studying brassica — even enjoying cockroaches...

Mary Poppins Jr. will be performed by students from grades 4-8 on May 13 and May 14, 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come to see these students use their talents to God's glory. We will be accepting freewill donations to help cover the cost of the production, set design, props and costuming. If you are willing to help with our musical, we need a set of curtain "wings" built for the set. Please contact the office, Mrs. Plitzuweit, or Mrs. Parsons for details.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6. The PTO has planned daily themes for the students to show appreciation to their teachers. Volunteers are needed for Friday afternoon, May 6, to supervise classrooms, while the teachers have an afternoon for lunch together. Please contact the office if you can help.

Congratulations to the MLC Meet Math high achievers in their respective classrooms: Eric Techlin had the highest overall scores in grades 5-6, and Sydney Plitzuweit had that honor in grades 7-8. William Techlin (grade 8) and Lily Schmidt (grade 7) also received recognition for high scores.

We were very sad to say

farewell to Mrs. Becky Conard recently. She moved on from the school office to a new job at the end of April. Her assistance to our staff, students, and families was well done and very much appreciated. We wish her God's continued blessings in her new position.

Although it's been a bit cold to be outside, it is the season for track and field. Practices began after Spring Break.

The end of the school year is quickly upon us. The last day of school is Thursday, May 26. As is tradition, that day will begin with a closing service, followed by activities and treats.

8th Grade Graduation takes place that evening, toward the end of the Ascension service, which is on May 26, 6:30 p.m. All students are practicing a song to sing as part of the service as well. Special recognition night activities follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

May God richly bless the remaining weeks of our school year!





LWMS News

The LWMS 2022 **Paperland Circuit**

held on Saturday morning, April 2, at St. Peter, Appleton. Our opening devotion was led by Pastor Michael Ewart (St. Peter, Freedom) based on Matthew 9:36, focusing on Jesus' compassion. The rally theme was "I am Jesus Little Lamb" and in one hour our speaker, Susan Nitz, summarized her 27 years serving as a missionary wife in Malawi, Africa, using the verses of "I am Jesus Little Lamb". She and her family went from strangers living in a strange land to it becoming their home. Along the way they experienced several moves, illnesses, bugs, blessings, miracles, and God's constant guidance, support, and comfort. Attendance was a very healthy 186 attendees. Total mission offerings collected were \$11,349.10 (25% to International, remaining 75% split between World Mission, Academia Cristo Project and Home Mission, Language Training). Rally offerings were \$2728 (\$215 speaker fees, \$300 Mission for Visually Impaired, \$14.06 Working Fund, and

\$2198.94 to Missionary Wives Conference). Election results: Vice-President is Emily Kom, Secretary is Joann Kasten, Spiritual Growth Woman is Marilyn Kruse, Pastor Advisor is Pastor Dennis Belter, Home Mission is Tools for Outreach, and World Mission is Repatriation Conferences. The closing devotion was led by Pastor Paul Meier (Immanuel, Neenah) based on Psalm 23:1, focusing on Jesus as our shepherd. Copies of the LWMS Paperland Circuit Secretary's Rally minutes are on the LWMS table outside of the office.

LWMS 2022 Convention **Registration is open:**

LWMS.org has all of the details, but feel free to contact me with questions or assistance with registering. The convention will be in Rochester, NY, on June 23-26. Tom's Christian Tours does have a bus going to the Convention with some stops (ex. Niagara Falls). Pricing and Itinerary are available on their website, www.tomschristiantours.com. Visit the LWMS table outside of the office to pickup a Convention newsletter and registration form.

SAVE THE DATES:

- 2022 ~ 59th Annual LWMS Convention, June 23-26, 2022 ~ Hosted by Freedom Circuit, in Rochester, New York at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center. The theme is "Set Free in Christ".
- LWMS Paperland Circuit 2022 Fall Rally on October 15 at Living Water, Oshkosh.
- 2023 ~ 60th Annual LWMS Convention, June 22-25, 2023 ~ Hosted by the Crow River and Rock River Circuits at the La **Crosse Convention Center** in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

May GOD continue to bless the efforts of our Missionaries and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS).

Lisa Koenig **LWMS** Reporter CookieBaker@1791.com 920-469-1758

WELS Missions News

Support for Ukraine Continues

Your gifts are making a difference! WELS members have demonstrated generous hearts to help fellow Christians in Ukraine. WELS World Missions has been able to send funds so that the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) can buy food and other supplies not only for its members but also to help the many people fleeing their homes. In addition, WELS Christian Aid and Relief has made three donations to Direct Relief, with another gift planned this week. Direct Relief is an organization equipped to provide immediate medical supplies to places experiencing crises; CAR has worked with this organization in the past.

Read more about how WELS is assisting the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) and others in need throughout the country. Stay up-to-date on news from our sister church in Ukraine and hear how WELS is able to assist at <u>wels.net/ukraine</u>.

New Chapter for Russian Church

"On Tuesday, March 1, Missionary Luke Wolfgramm and his wife, Jennifer, left their home in Russia, a country in which they have lived and served for the past 25 years. They discovered they needed to leave four days earlier, the day after Russia invaded Ukraine.

Before they left, Wolfgramm was able to meet with church leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church Concord, WELS' sister church body in Russia, as well as preach at several of the congregations. It was a time to offer encouragement and hope, assurances that Jesus' church would prevail. It was also a time to provide last-minute instructions to church leaders about the practicalities of managing the church's business affairs."

Please pray for the members and leadership of the Lutheran church in Russia as God leads us to a new stage of fellowship!

Board for Home Missions Approves Five New Missions

On March 31–April 1, the WELS Board for Home Missions met and approved 12 new mission requests—five new home mission starts, five enhancements at existing congregations, and two unsubsidized missions. New home missions are being supported in Windsor, Colorado; Wichita, Kansas; Canton, Georgia; Conroe, Texas; and Lodi, Wisconsin.

More details about these new starts and enhancements can be found at <u>wels.net/newstarts</u>. WELS Home Missions now supports 141 congregations across 36 states, Canada, and the English-speaking West Indies.



Ascension is May 26



Add The Ascension of Our Lord to your calendar right away, and prepare to celebrate, for:

- Jesus' work on earth is accomplished!
- Jesus returns to heaven to prepare a place for us!
- Jesus is in heaven interceding for us before the Father!
- Jesus has been given authority to rule over all things in heaven and on earth!

Rejoice in Jesus' Ascension!

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne. — Psalm 47:5-8

Thank you ... to everyone who helped make our Holy Week observances special!

- To the school children, Junior Choir, and Church Choir members who added to every service with their anthems...
- To the musicians who led the congregation with their playing...
- To all of the usher teams who offered their time for the extra services. Special thanks to Phil and Kathy Petersen, who handled the overflow crowd in the 8:00 Easter service with ease...
- To our members who did yard clean up to dress up our property for Easter...
- To all who donated for Easter flowers to make the chancel festive...
- To the young people (and many adults) who helped decorate for, cook, serve, and clean up Easter breakfast. Special thanks go to Todd and Karol Williams who took charge of the food preparation on Easter morning and to Michelle Flanagan who donated 48 dozen farm fresh eggs from her chickens and ducks.



Voters Meetings

At the April 24 Quarterly Voters Meeting:

- A recommendation was approved to postpone the 5th and 6th grade split due to lower early registration numbers in those classes and returns of the calls we have extended.
- Scott Kohls was elected to serve as Congregation President, Bob Clausen was elected as Treasurer, and Brian Zwieg was re-elected as Board of Christian Education chair.



Special meeting for the Built on the Rock Project: The meeting for a final vote on the building project is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Originally scheduled for late April, the delay has given contractors more time to bid on the project and the committee time to review the bids.

A special voters meeting to review the 2022-2023 Ministry Financial Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Reminders:

The Bay Area Life Center is getting ready for summer and is looking for donations of new and/or gently used summer clothing to share with families in need. They are most in need of girls sizes 24 mo./2T through 5/5T and boys sizes 0-6 mo. and 3T through 5/5T. Donations can be brought to the church office by May 8.

Ladies Aid: A reminder to Ladies Aid members that the meeting on May 4 includes our Honorary Members Luncheon and starts at 11:00 a.m. We again invite our called workers and staff to join us for lunch. Members of the Special Serving Group should bring a dessert and a dish to pass; other members should bring a dish to pass. Entertainment is Mrs. Jammer's Kindergarten class. We hope to see all of you there.

Everyone is invited to the monthly **Fellowship Breakfast**, held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Village Grille on Hoffman Road in Allouez (801Hoffman Rd.). Please join us on May 10, 8:30 a.m., for good food and chitchat. If you have questions, please email Dennis or Liz Oberer at doberer@new.rr.com. **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**





St. Paul Lutheran Church exists to celebrate our freedom from sin, death, and hell through Jesus Christ; to nurture our church family with God's Word for lives of service to Him; and joyfully to share the good news of salvation with the world around us.

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Martin Luther College Update

- shared by our MLC congregational liaison, Bruce Reineck

ECW - Equipping Christian Witnesses is a capital campaign to help our college of ministry expand and equip more students for work in the Lord's kingdom. As of January the gifts have surpassed the \$9 million mark.

- \$9,130,591 donated or pledged
- 7,159 total gifts
- 3,376 donors. If you would like to contribute, go to: mlc-wels.edu/donate
- 1. The Betty Kohn Fieldhouse is fully funded and nearly finished.
- 2. Gifts for the residence hall, Luther Heights, continue to come in. What a blessing this will be.
- 3. Student recruitment continues. Anyone interested in MLC should contact them or myself, Bruce Reineck: (920) 660-7718

The gifts to the Congregational Partnership Grant Program have resulted in another \$1 million credited to tuition (\$2,400 in financial assistance per student per year)

We thank our generous God for empowering donors with the "grace of giving". The ECW campaign is making a huge difference in the lives of the students.



Celebrate MLC Day with us on May 4

Dear Friends,

Join thousands of friends of Martin Luther College across the globe:

pray for our work of service to the world, **share** messages of encouragement online, and **give** to support that work.

Go to www.mlcday.com to:

- <u>Pray</u> for our campus family and for our mission of training the next generation of called workers. Upload prayers to our <u>MLC Day Prayer Kudoboard</u> so others can join you.
- <u>Share</u> a message of support or gratitude with a short video. (Details are available on our <u>MLC Day Media</u> <u>Kit</u>.) Share it on our <u>MLC Day Kudoboards</u> or post it on Facebook/Instagram using #MLCDAY22.
- Classrooms have a special incentive to submit these video messages. Visit our <u>Classroom Activities page</u> for details!
- <u>Give</u> a gift to MLC. Your donation will directly assist MLC students by helping us fund the <u>Congregational</u> <u>Partner Grant Program</u>. A generous match up to \$50,000 is available to help us to reach our \$100,000 goal!



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